SB 801
Correctional Services – Medication–Assisted Treatment

MCAA Position: **SUPPORT W/ Amendments**

TO: Budget and Taxation Committee
Judicial Proceedings Committee

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The Maryland Correctional Administrator's Association (MCAA), an organization comprised of our statewide jail wardens and administrators for the promotion and improvements of best correctional practices, appreciates the opportunity to provide information regarding Senate Bill 801.

Local Detention Centers in the State of Maryland operate in accordance with the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards, which is codified in Title 12 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Subtitle 14 Commission on Correctional Standards.

MCAA supports SB 801 and requests amendment to the funding language to ensure that all costs associated with Medication for Opioid Use Disorder are reimbursed to each local detention center. Furthermore, the funding stream changed from a grant submission to a reimbursement submission for all expenses incurred for providing Medicated Assisted Treatment in local detention centers as required by law.

The opportunity to provide information regarding this legislation is greatly appreciated, and the local detention centers look forward to discussion and welcome opportunities to ensure the dignity, safety, and security of all entrusted to our care.

The Maryland Correctional Administrators Association strongly SUPPORTS w/Amendments this bill and respectfully requests this committee a favorable report on SB-801.